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PRECAUTIONS: Letter carrier Joan Marshall studies a pamphlet she was given, along with a course of antibiotics, at the V Street postal facility in NE on Tuesday.

Much Scare, No Anthrax

Follow-up tests clear mail facilities after day of high anxiety

WASHINGTON | Anthrax tests from two Pentagon mailrooms came back negative Tuesday, a day after initial testing indicated the deadly spores might be present, prompting nearly 900 workers to take antibiotics as a precaution.

Responding to what now appear to have been false alarms, officials handed out antibiotics and closed three mail facilities — two that serve the Pentagon and one in Washington that handles mail on its way to the military.

During the course of a day that had many on edge, hospitals were told to be on

the lookout for symptoms including respiratory problems, rashes or flu-like symptoms that could signal exposure to anthrax, which can be used as a biological weapon.

Tests that have been completed on samples from both mail facilities have all come back negative, though some additional tests are still incomplete, said Dr. William Winkenwerder, assistant secretary of defense for health affairs.

"So on that basis we have nothing to

suggest anything remotely like the events of October 2001, and we hope that with further information we'll be able to completely rule out any threat at all," he said.

In more than three years since the 2001 anthrax-by-mail attacks, there have been scores of initial tests that falsely reported anthrax in government mailrooms.

In this case, however, the bacteria were detected separately in two mailrooms, invoking memories of the attacks that killed five and panicked Americans still raw from the Sept. 11 attacks. LAURA MECKLER (AP)

■ **Muddled response:** Threat exposed familiar communication flaws | Today's Washington Post, Page A1

BARS | This Place Is Really Cool It's not just the drinks that are ice-cold at the Eski Bar, a new nightspot in Singapore. The room temperature is so low, staff wear heavy coats and ski caps; patrons get a 10 percent discount if they show up in winter wear.



The bar contains a decorated, industrial strength freezer, with the mercury ranging from 28 to 32 degrees. The goal is to attract those in need of a break from the sweltering heat. There's also a 64-degree "chiller" room for the wimpy. (AP) **EyeOpeners** | Page 2

eyeOpeners

LAW

Non-People's Court

A Japanese court threw out a lawsuit against a land reclamation project after taking a close look at the plaintiffs, which included mudskippers, fiddler crabs and Dunlin birds. The suit, filed by residents on behalf of animals living in the Isahaya Bay wetlands —

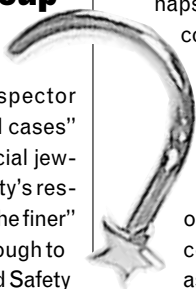
an important habitat for a number of endangered migratory birds — claimed a 4-mile-long dike was destroying the critters' habitat. The Nagasaki District Court, however, ruled that nature itself has no rights under the law and therefore cannot act as plaintiffs in a lawsuit. "It is difficult to find the basis for nature's rights under the current law," wrote the judge in his ruling. (AP)

FOOD

Waiter, There's a Bod Mod in My Soup

As if the hair in your salad wasn't bad enough, a Cheyenne, Wyo., health inspector said there had been "several cases" of tongue rings and other facial jewelry found in the food in the city's restaurants — including "one of the finer" establishments. This was enough to persuade the Governor's Food Safety

Council to recommend banning facial jewelry for restaurant workers who prepare food, making Wyoming perhaps the first state to do so. The council said nose, tongue and lip piercings were health hazards because a piercing that found its way into food could spread a staph infection. The changes recommended by the council could go into effect as early as this spring. (AP)



ANAT GIVON/AP

GARNISHES

Head of the Table

You can't discuss trade agreements with Chinese President Hu Jintao but, at one Hong Kong restaurant, at least you can pretend he's passing you the rice. Wing Lai Yuen Szechuan Noodles Restaurant has hired the cook of former President Jiang Zemin to craft its state-dinner menu, serving up meticulous dishes usually reserved for official guests of the government. The courses are elaborately presented, with details such as this garnish of an ornamental head that's been sculpted from taro root.

GARDENS

Lawn Artillery

A metal object struck by an Ohaupo, New Zealand, couple digging in their yard turned out to be a four-ton army tank, the New Zealand Press Association reported. A few weeks ago, Emanuel Hurley was hoeing his garden when he struck metal. He tried to uncover and pull it out of his way, said his wife, Jane, but the object was too big. A neighbor who owned construction machinery volunteered to help out; soon they were all digging every day. Eventually they realized the thing was too big to extract themselves and called a scrap dealer, who used two trucks for two hours to haul the object — a military vehicle — from the ground. It turned out to be a World War II bren-gun carrier, which was perhaps used on a local farm after the war. "The things you find in your garden," she told the news service. As for the huge hole in their lawn, "we might even put a swimming pool in," she said. (EXPRESS)



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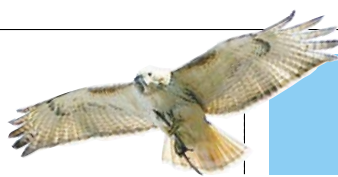
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LOVE IS IN THE AIR: High-rise hawks Pale Male and Lola, who famously live on the ledge of an apartment building overlooking New York's Central Park, have at least one egg in their nest, according to PaleMale.com, which monitors the birds.



Nation



Michael Jackson waves to supporters as he departs a Santa Maria, Calif., court.

Jackson's Accuser Wraps Up

SANTA MARIA, CALIF. | The teenage boy who says Michael Jackson molested him left the witness stand Tuesday after telling jurors that he denied the abuse to a school administrator because he was tired of the other kids making fun of him.

The conversation with the administrator occurred after the broadcast of a TV documentary that showed Jackson with the boy.

The boy, now 15, testified he was harassed by schoolmates who said he had been "raped" by Jackson, and he got into fights as a result.

The testimony came during questioning by District Attorney Tom Sneddon, just before the boy left the witness stand after four days. A day earlier, the defense got the teen to admit under cross-examination he told the school official nothing happened during stays at Jackson's Neverland ranch.

LINDA DEUTSCH (AP)

Hill Slowdown Threatened

Democrats warn GOP of Senate standstill if judicial rules change

WASHINGTON | Democrats threatened Tuesday to slow or stop most Senate business if Republicans unilaterally change the rules to assure confirmation of President Bush's controversial court appointments.

Any such change would mark "an unprecedented abuse of power," Sen. Harry Reid, D-Nev., wrote Majority Leader Bill Frist, R-Tenn.

Reid, the Democratic leader, exempted military and national security legislation from the threat, and said his rank and file would not block passage of measures needed to ensure continuation of critical government services.

Republicans rebutted swiftly, Frist in the lead. "To shut down the Senate would be irresponsible and partisan," he said in a statement.

Reid's letter raised the ante in a long-simmering struggle over Bush's court appointments. Democrats blocked votes on 10 nominees out

of the 214 sent by the White House during the last Congress, attacking them as too conservative to warrant lifetime appointments.

Republicans have floated the possibility they will change the rules that currently allow a filibuster — meaning supporters of a nominee must gain 60 votes to force a final vote. A formal change in Senate rules requires 67 votes, but in this case, the GOP has a strategy requiring a simple majority to make the change.

There are 55 Republicans in the current Senate. DAVID ESPO (AP)

OTHER DEVELOPMENTS

→ **A defiant House Majority Leader Tom DeLay** blamed partisanship and innuendo Tuesday for the recent uproar surrounding his overseas travel. "We want to work with the ethics committee to prove how baseless these and other allegations are," said DeLay, referring to trips that were paid for by outside groups. He also attacked The Washington Post for its coverage of his trips. In the case of one story, he accused the paper of a "zeal to leave readers with the false impression that I did something that I did not do." (AP)

CALIFORNIA | CRASH AFTERMATH



HELPING HANDS: A firefighter helps an injured passenger from a Fantasy Springs Casino tour bus that collided with a fire truck on Interstate 10 in Ontario, Calif., early Tuesday morning. At least one person died in the crash and 57 others were injured, including three firefighters, officials said.

In Brief

BOSTON Big Dig Engineer Won't Vouch for Safety of Tunnels

The outside engineer who led an investigation into leaks at the \$14.6 billion Big Dig project says he can no longer vouch for the safety of its tunnels. Gov. Mitt Romney responded by asking the state's highest court Tuesday for an opinion on whether he can fire the chairman of the Massachusetts Turnpike Authority, which oversees the Big Dig, a system of bridges and tunnels plagued by cost overruns and riddled by leaks and other flaws. (AP)



Romney

TALLAHASSEE, FLA. Bill to Intervene in Terri Schiavo Case Advances

A bill that could block the removal of Terri Schiavo's feeding tube later this week was sent to the full Florida state House after a panel approved the measure Tuesday. An identical measure was to be considered by a state Senate committee later in the day as lawmakers rushed to prevent the removal of the brain-damaged woman's feeding tube on Friday. (AP)

FORT HOOD, TEXAS Soldier Sentenced to Jail Time for Drownings in Iraq

An Army platoon leader was sentenced Tuesday to 45 days in a military prison for his role in forcing three Iraqi civilians into the Tigris River. Army 1st Lt. Jack Saville also must forfeit \$2,000 of his military salary each month for six months, Col. Theodore Dixon ruled. (AP)

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Nation



BEAR NECESSITIES: Doctors at a Pocatello, Idaho, medical center treated an additional 770 patients on Saturday — all dolls and stuffed animals — at an annual event aimed at making hospital visits less scary to kids. Among their maladies: "My sister bit him."

Ga. Shooting Suspect Faces Charges

In first hearing, state says it will prosecute Nichols for 4 murders

ATLANTA | Ringed by 19 officers in a cinderblock jail room, his hands and ankles shackled, the man accused in the crime spree that left an Atlanta judge and three others dead went before a judge Tuesday for the first time since the rampage.

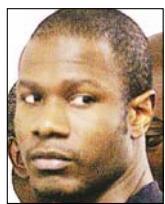
Brian Nichols, 33, was informed

that authorities plan to charge him with murder.

Nichols spoke only once during the brief hearing, when Judge Frank Cox asked him if he had any questions.

"Not at this time," he said.

Nichols was held without bail on the rape charge he was on trial for



Nichols

Friday, when he allegedly overpowered a guard at the Fulton County courthouse, stole her gun and started a rampage that terrorized Atlanta and left four people dead.

Prosecutor Michele McCutcheon told Cox the state will pursue four charges of murder against Nichols.

He is accused of killing the judge on his rape case and two others at the courthouse, then killing a federal agent while on the run. (AP)

OTHER DEVELOPMENTS

→ **Ashley Smith**, the Georgia woman who was taken hostage by Brian Nichols and led police to the alleged courthouse gunman, will receive a reward of at least \$10,000, Gov. Sonny Perdue said Tuesday. A reward fund reached \$60,000 hours after Friday's slayings for information leading to an arrest. Other agencies, including the FBI, have not yet decided who will get their reward money. (AP)

Harvard Faculty Delivers Blow to Embattled Chief

CAMBRIDGE, MASS. | Harvard's Faculty of Arts and Sciences passed a no-confidence vote against President Lawrence Summers on Tuesday, the latest setback for the university leader who has come under fire for his managerial style and comments on women in science.

The vote, 218-185, was largely symbolic. Summers reports to the Harvard Corporation, which has expressed its support for him.

The unexpected passage of the vote was still a setback to Summers' efforts to rebuild his standing with faculty in the wake of the uproar over his comments about women in science at a conference. (AP)

U.S. Makes Arrests in Alleged Weapons Plot

NEW YORK | U.S. authorities charged 18 people in an alleged scheme to smuggle grenade launchers, shoulder-fired missiles and other Russian military weapons into the United States.

The arrests resulted from a yearlong investigation in which an FBI informant posed as an arms buyer who claimed to have ties to al Qaeda.

The complex case also included interceptions of more than 15,000 calls, according to prosecutors, the FBI and police.

Seventeen of the 18 people charged were in custody on Tuesday, arrested in New York, Los



One of the suspects in the case, Joseb Kharabadze, is arrested in New York.

Angeles or Florida, authorities said. Prosecutors alleged that the defendants were preparing to import the weapons into the country from Eastern Europe. (AP)

INDIANA | ROAD WARRIOR



LOOK BOTH WAYS: An emu, a flightless bird native to Australia, is discovered running loose near Martinsville, Ind., on Tuesday. Volunteers helped nab the ostrich-like creature, which might have been on the run for months.

Today in The Washington Post

Split Decision: Americans seem to be of two minds on the situation in Iraq: Iraqis are better off now but the war was not worth fighting, a Post-ABC poll finds. | [Page A1](#)

Club Nightmare? D.C. police say the popular Dream nightclub attracts criminals as well as VIPs and is so dangerous it might even need to be shut down. | [Metro](#)

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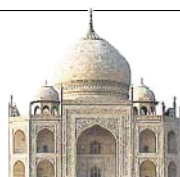
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World



TAJ DISPUTE: An Islamic charity is claiming in court that it owns the Taj Mahal — citing an Indian government directive that Muslim graveyards belong to the group — and wants part of its entry fees. The Taj houses some royal graves and a mosque.

Italy to Start Iraq Pullout in Sept.

Berlusconi cites public opinion as a factor in decision to withdraw

ROME | Italy's prime minister announced that the country will start drawing down its 3,000-strong contingent in Iraq in September, putting a fresh crack in President Bush's crumbling coalition. Bulgaria also called for a partial withdrawal, and Ukraine welcomed home its first wave of returning troops.

The moves come on top of the withdrawal of more than a dozen countries over the last year and could complicate efforts to keep the peace while Iraq's new government builds up police and military units capable of taking over from foreign forces.

Two years after the U.S.-led invasion toppled Saddam Hussein, the coalition is unraveling amid mounting casualties and kidnappings that have stoked anti-war sentiment and sapped leaders' resolve to keep troops in harm's way.

Italian Premier Silvio Berlusconi, who confirmed he will seek re-election next year, alluded to the rising

public discontent, saying Tuesday: "I've spoken about it with [British Prime Minister] Tony Blair, and it's the public opinion of our countries that expects this decision."

"In September, we will begin a progressive reduction of the number of our soldiers in Iraq," the ANSA news agency quoted Berlusconi as saying during the taping of a TV talk show. But, he added, the withdrawal is tied to the Iraqis being able to secure the country.

WILLIAM J. KOLE (AP)

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY TO CONVENE FOR FIRST TIME

IRAQ PUTS ITS FRAGILE democracy to the test Wednesday, convening its first freely elected National Assembly in recent history amid last-minute bargaining over Sunni Arab candidates to head the parliament.

Shiite officials said they failed to reach final agreement with the Kurds and the Sunni Arabs. But those failures were not enough to prevent the 275-member National Assembly from preparing to meet for the first time since the Jan. 30 vote.

The assembly will start with speeches and end with a swearing-in, officials said. (AP)

ISRAEL | A MUSEUM OPENS



FROM HISTORY: With a projection of a Holocaust victim as a backdrop, a choir performs at the official opening of the new Yad Vashem Holocaust Museum in Jerusalem on Tuesday. Dignitaries from some 40 countries attended the opening. **A shift:** The new museum represents a dramatic transformation in Israelis' attitudes about the Holocaust, some say | Today's Post: Section A

In Brief

FRANCE

6 Convicted in Scheme to Bomb U.S. Embassy in Paris

A French court convicted six men in an alleged plot inspired by al Qaeda to send a suicide bomber into the U.S. Embassy in Paris, closing a six-week trial that shed light on the spread of Islamic radicals in Europe. The court on Tuesday handed a maximum 10-year prison sentence to the ringleader, Djamel Beghal, 39, whose arrest in 2001 in Dubai, on his way out of Afghanistan, apparently thwarted the plot. The five other defendants were handed prison sentences ranging from one to nine years. (AP)

RUSSIA

\$10M Paid for Tips Leading To Chechen Leader's Death

Russia's security service announced Tuesday it paid an unprecedented \$10 million to informers who helped track down the late Chechen rebel leader Aslan Maskhadov — an effort to give credibility to its renewed offer of an identical prize for the Kremlin's No. 1 foe, warlord Shamil Basayev. The announcement appeared as part of a stepped-up effort to eliminate separatist leaders whose fight against the Kremlin has dragged on for most of the past decade and destabilized much of Russia's southern flank. (AP)

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Bomb Targets Kosovo Leader's Car

Rugova OK; NATO troops on alert in province

PRISTINA, SERBIA-MONTENEGRO | Kosovo's president, Ibrahim Rugova, escaped an apparent assassination attempt Tuesday, raising fears of new violence as the province tries to form a new government whose main job will be to steer talks on whether Kosovo becomes independent.

A bomb placed in a garbage bin exploded as Rugova's armored car moved past it in the capital, Pristina, as he traveled to a meeting with European Union foreign policy chief Javier Solana.

The explosion damaged the right side of his armored vehicle, and the president was seen being



Guards secure Rugova's damaged vehicle after the attack in Pristina.

transferred to another car and being driven away. Rugova was unhurt, but one person was injured by bits of flying glass, police said.

In recent days, NATO has sent more than 1,000 troops to reinforce its 18,000-strong force in the disputed U.N.-run province in anticipation of trouble following last week's resignation of Prime Minister Ramush Haradinaj and his indictment for war crimes.

Kosovo, which officially remains part of Serbia-Montenegro, has been administered by the U.N. since 1999, following NATO's air war to stop the Serb crackdown on independence-seeking ethnic Albanians. GARENTINA KRAJA (AP)

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WEIGHT OF THE WORLD: The percentage of overweight men is higher in Finland, Germany, Greece, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Slovakia and Malta than in the United States, where 67 percent are overweight, a task force said.

28 Die in Manila Standoff

Reprisals feared after Filipinos quell prison revolt led by militants

MANILA, PHILIPPINES | The Philippines braced for retaliatory attacks after some of the country's most hardened terror suspects were killed in a failed prison uprising that left 28 people dead, most of them inmates killed in a barrage of bullets as hundreds of police stormed the maximum security facility.

The dead included three leaders of the al Qaeda-linked Abu Sayyaf, a group notorious for deadly attacks and ransom kidnappings in which hostages have been beheaded.

The crisis began with an Abu Sayyaf suspect snatching a guard's



Two wounded prisoners emerge from a prison south of Manila Tuesday after police stormed it in a hail of gunfire.

weapon and quickly turned into a prolonged standoff. After negotiations failed, President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo sent in police

armed with guns and tear gas.

Sweat-soaked police marksmen filed out of the building after the assault to the applause of bystanders.

"The terrorists got what was coming to them," Ignacio Bunye, press secretary for Arroyo, said in a statement. "The crisis team gave them all the chances to peacefully surrender."

The bloody assault raised fears of retaliatory attacks. An Abu Sayyaf leader warned of repercussions.

"To you people, you don't have to bring the war to Mindanao," Abu Sulaiman told DZBB radio, referring to the Muslim homeland in the south where the military has launched offensives against militants. "We will bring it right into your doorstep." OLIVER TEVES (AP)

NETHERLANDS | CALL TO ORDER



IN SESSION: A view of Courtroom No. 1 at the International Criminal Court in The Hague on Tuesday. Three years after its creation, the court held its first official session Tuesday, a closed hearing on preparations for trials on war crimes in Congo. The Bush administration opposes the court, saying Americans abroad could be subjected to politically motivated charges.

Bin Laden Eluded Pakistanis

Musharraf says leader of al Qaeda escaped dragnet; trail now cold

ISLAMABAD, PAKISTAN | Pakistani security forces came close to capturing Osama bin Laden in an operation about eight to 10 months ago, but the terror mastermind eluded arrest and his trail has since gone cold, Pakistan's president said Tuesday.

Though President Gen. Pervez Musharraf did not say where the operation took place, the comment was the first official indication that bin Laden is still in Pakistan.

"There was a time when the dragnet had closed and we thought we knew roughly the area where he possibly could be," Musharraf said in an interview with the BBC.

"That was, I think, some time back ... maybe about eight to 10 months back," he said, adding: "But after that, this is such a game, this intelligence, that they escape. They can move and then you lose contact." MUNIR AHMAD (AP)

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Local

Reckless Drivers Targeted

Va. raises fines along stretch of I-95 for safety

OCOQUAN, VA. | Floor it along a stretch of Interstate 95 and you may really regret it when you see the ticket.

The high number of traffic fatalities along the 11-mile stretch in Prince William County has driven state officials to designate it a Highway Safety Corridor.

Starting Friday, motorists who drive recklessly in the area between Occoquan and Quantico face fines of up to \$2,500. Those

caught speeding will see their fines doubled.

Police unveiled new black and white warning signs Tuesday that mark the area and warn drivers about the extra fines.

The Virginia General Assembly passed legislation to set up safety corridors in 2003.

This section of I-95 was chosen because between 2000 and 2002 it had 1,623 crashes, killing nine people and injuring 800, accord-

ing to Virginia Department of Transportation officials.

This is the third area in the state to have the increased fines. Officials designated safety zones on a 15-mile section of I-81 last year and another section of I-95 in Richmond two months ago.

State trooper Mike Counts said in just two months, officers have made 900 stops along I-95 in Richmond and 1,000 arrests on I-81.

They have also seen a decrease in fatalities. **HEATHER GREENFIELD (AP)**

Stadium Plans Raise Questions

WASHINGTON | Three months after demanding private financing proposals for a new baseball stadium, some city lawmakers want a closer look at the public financing package.

D.C. Council members spent more than two hours Tuesday reviewing two private proposals to pay for a new 45,000-seat Washington Nationals ballpark. In the end, they asked Natwar M. Gandhi, the city's chief financial officer, to compare both proposals for the public finance package that some blasted in December.

Gandhi approved two of the eight private financing proposals submitted to him. But he said that both Berlin-based Deutsche Bank and The Gates Group of Cleveland wanted the city to pledge revenues from enterprises like stadium parking or bus shelter advertising sales in exchange for upfront financing of construction costs.

"They are basically taking future public revenue streams and putting their money up," said Gandhi.

Some council members weren't buying the idea.

"This is not private financing. It's just shifting where they're going to get the money from," said Councilman Marion Barry, D-Ward 8. **(AP)**

OCEAN CITY, MD. | BACK TO SEA



DAY AT THE BEACH: Spectators watch Tuesday as officials from Baltimore's National Aquarium release Sand Dollar, a seal found stranded in Virginia Beach two months ago. The seal eventually made its way into the ocean.

The Lotteries

Tuesday, March 15

DISTRICT	
Mid-day Lucky Numbers	0-1-7 (red)
Evening Lucky Numbers	2-2-0 (white)
Mid-day DC 4	2-4-9-9
Evening DC 4	3-9-7-0
Quick Cash	22-26-24-11-33-1
Hot Five	5-32-23-29-11

MARYLAND	
Mid-day Pick 3	6-8-3
Evening Pick 3	5-0-7

Mid-day Pick 4	7-1-7-0
Evening Pick 4	4-8-0-6
Match 5	1-5-14-23-39 Bonus: 13

VIRGINIA	
Mid-day Pick 3 (Tues.)	3-2-4
Evening Pick 3 (Mon.)	5-9-0
Mid-day Pick 4 (Tues.)	7-7-5-0
Evening Pick 4 (Mon.)	2-3-5-6
Mid-day Cash 5 (Tues.)	10-11-29-32-34
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CURTAIN CALL: Baltimore Mayor Martin O'Malley said Tuesday he will leave O'Malley's March, the Celtic rock band he fronts, after Sunday. O'Malley, a likely Democratic candidate for governor, wrote in a letter on the band's Web site that he wants to focus fully on his work.



Local

In Brief

COCKEYSVILLE, MD.

Congressman Explores Run For Sarbanes' Senate Seat

Sen. Paul Sarbanes' announcement that he will retire at the end of his fifth term has sent tremors through Maryland's Democratic party, as prominent politicians scramble to see if they have a shot at the job. On Tuesday, Rep. C.A. Dutch Ruppersberger said that he will set up

an exploratory committee in the next few weeks to examine his chances of winning the Democratic nomination in 2006. Former NAACP president and five-term U.S. congressman Kweisi Mfume on Monday became the first Democrat to officially announce his intention to run for Sarbanes' seat. (AP)

RICHMOND, VA.

Another Pit Bull Attack

Spotsylvania County was the site of another pit bull attack Tuesday, one week after — and only about

20 miles from — a fatal pit bull attack on an elderly woman, Sheriff Howard Smith said. When a deputy responded to the call in a rural area of the county, he found a 31-year-old woman bitten on the hand and two pit bulls in her back yard — one of them attacking the woman's tethered dog, Smith said. After the deputy yelled, the attacking dog came toward him. He tried to hit it with his baton, but it kept coming so he shot and killed it, Smith said. The other pit bull escaped into the woods. (AP)

FAIRFAX, VA.

Guilty Plea in Deadly Crash

The driver responsible for a horrific crash on Interstate 66 pleaded guilty Tuesday to three counts of involuntary manslaughter. Jonathan C. O'Neal, 24, could get up to 60 years in prison when he is sentenced in May. The crash happened in the early hours of Oct. 9, 2004, as O'Neal was driving west on the highway. A family from New Jersey pulled over near the Nutley Street exit in Vienna to change drivers, when authorities said O'Neal slammed his Dodge pickup

truck into their Honda Accord, killing three people. (AP)

ROCKVILLE, MD.

Duncan Focuses on Schools, Safety in Proposed Budget

Increased spending on public schools and gang prevention — along with a cut in the property tax rate — are among the items in the \$3.6 billion fiscal 2006 budget Montgomery County Executive Douglas M. Duncan proposed Tuesday. Nearly half the money will go to the county's public schools. (AP)

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Money

'Telecom Cowboy' Guilty

Ebbers convicted
on all counts in \$11B
scandal at WorldCom

NEW YORK | Bernard Ebbers, the once-swaggering CEO of WorldCom, was convicted Tuesday of engineering the largest corporate fraud in U.S. history — an \$11 billion accounting scandal that capsized the big telecom company three years ago.

The verdict marked a colossal fall for Ebbers, 63, who had turned a humble Mississippi long-distance provider into a global telecommunications power, earning the nickname "Telecom Cowboy." The verdict could send him to prison for the rest of his life.

As a jury forewoman read the verdict — guilty on all nine counts, including fraud and conspiracy — Ebbers' face reddened noticeably. His wife, Kristie, seated in the front row, broke into tears. Later, as his lawyer promised an appeal and predicted he would "ultimately be vindicated," Ebbers and his wife, nearly



Ebbers, with his wife, Kristie, leaves the federal courthouse in Manhattan on Tuesday after being convicted of engineering the accounting fraud that sank WorldCom.

crushed by a phalanx of cameras, hailed a cab and sped away.

A judge set sentencing for June. From late 2000 to mid-2002, the government claimed, Ebbers intimidated Chief Financial Officer Scott Sullivan into covering up billions of

dollars in out-of-control expenses and recognizing improper revenue. The defense claimed the fraud was masterminded by Sullivan.

WorldCom, which was based in Clinton, Miss., since re-emerged as MCI Inc., based in Ashburn, Va. (AP)

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Money

Market Action

New York Stock Exchange

Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
CentPrkg	16.31	+2.31	+16.5
Aleris Intl	26.12	+3.30	+14.5
StationCas	68.92	+7.38	+12.0
Wabtec	21.14	+2.04	+10.7
Rayovac	45.00	+3.89	+9.5

Losers

GrafTech	6.60	-2.40	-26.7
KoreaEq	6.80	-.70	-9.3
GiantIn	25.57	-2.56	-9.1
TritonPCS	2.84	-.26	-8.4
Wesco Intl	30.80	-2.82	-8.4

NASDAQ Stock Market

Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
TiVo Inc	6.70	+2.87	+74.9
Mdcore	11.75	+2.48	+26.8
CMGI	2.26	+.45	+24.6
TriKnTch	2.39	+.44	+22.6
ViaCell n	8.75	+1.45	+19.9

Losers

VI Tech rs	5.30	-1.40	-20.9
ZiCorp	4.72	-1.23	-20.7
DialCpA	23.50	-5.23	-18.2
Ulticom	11.27	-1.98	-14.9
Solexa n	8.65	-1.50	-14.8

Rates

	CURRENT	PREVIOUS WEEK
Prime Rate	5.50	5.50
Fed Funds close	2.625	
3-month	2.74	2.70
2-year	3.74	3.61
10-year	4.55	4.39
30-year	4.82	4.71

Currency (Dollars in foreign currency)

	TODAY	PREVIOUS DAY	YEAR AGO
British Pound	.5230	.5223	.5548
Canadian Dollar	1.2065	1.2059	1.3305
European Euro	.7511	.7481	.8153
Japanese Yen	104.45	104.93	110.30
Mexican Peso	11.2220	11.1610	11.0120
Taiwanese Dollar	30.86	30.69	33.43

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S&P 500



Media Stocks

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	YEAR TO DATE PERCENT CHANGE
ClearChan	34.20	+.45	+2.1
Comcast	33.91	-.08	+1.9
Comc sp	33.50	...	+2.0
DirecTV	14.92	-.05	-10.9
Disney	28.60	+.58	+2.9
Fox Ent	35.42	+.07	+13.3
Gannett	79.44	-.45	-2.8
GTelevs	59.11	-.98	-2.3
LibtyMA	10.50	+.27	-4.4
McGrH	88.40	-.85	-3.4
NewsCpA n	17.40	+.06	-6.8
NewsCpB n	17.76	+.04	-7.5
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Beauty and the Burn

MAKEUP | What will women smear on their mouths in hopes of pillowy Angelina-lips? Cayenne pepper, to name one ingredient in the recent rash of products promising to fatten lips without the needles and expense of collagen injections. Many use irritating ingredients to achieve their effect.

But Dr. Lisa Kauffman, chief of dermatology at Georgetown University, is quick to deflate both hopes and plumpers. The products only hydrate and shine lips, creating an optical illusion. "It's not rocket science," she said. "If you put something lighter in the middle of the lower lip, it will catch the light and make it look bigger." She also dismissed products advertised as collagen builders: "Those really don't increase the proteins under the surface — it has to be injected."

After testing several plumpers, our verdict was pain, without a whole lot of gain. JAIME MALARKEY (EXPRESS)

	Claim	Gain?	Pain
 CITY LIPS (\$29, at citycosmetics.com and Sephora)	Uses Celadrol™ and oligopeptides to build collagen. Company suggests a 30-day regimen.	Red irritation around the lips made them look larger, kind of like lip liner does.	Just some tingling, "like the swelling or flushing that happens after a make-out session."
 DUWOP LIP VENOM (\$15, at Sephora, Nordstrom's and beauty.com)	Cinnamon, wintergreen and ginger oils increase circulation, making lips flush and swell.	We think we may have detected a very slight increase in fullness.	Painful. Like rubbing a garden-fresh jalapeno on your lips, hyperbolized one tester.
 TOO FACED — LIP INJECTION (\$18.50, at Sephora)	Works via ginger and Capsicum Chinese extract, aka cayenne pepper.	Lips did seem fuller. Plus, the gloss itself is so thick it adds volume out of sheer goopiness.	One tester wanted to wipe off the burny, itchy gloss, but a regular user of plumpers felt no pain.
 JALAPENO PEPPER RUBBED ON LIPS	The special active ingredient, "pain," ferociously punishes all lips that dare touch it.	Lips looked dry, irritated and, yes, a little puffy.	Throbbing stinging burning aching pain owww painful pain pain.

Before and After



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Cars



SHOCK AND AWE: The Chrysler 300c SRT-8 holds a very American feel, yet still sports a ridiculously beast engine that lets loose a nasty snarl when accelerating.

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Chrysler 300c SRT-8 has the power to turn a frown upside down

ROAD TEST | The Chrysler 300C could not be said to suffer from inadequate charisma. This is a car that managed to win both awards from auto writers and the Snoop Dogg seal of approval. The 300C is an automotive crossover hit, finding favor with urban customers — witness the car's repeated drive-ons in hip-hop videos — and the whiter world of suburban parents looking for a car that doesn't bore them to tears.

The car's gerrymandering appeal is a testament to the power of smart styling. Is it a glowering gangsta, a cut-rate Bentley, a street custom, the banker's hot-rod reborn? All of the above. The best of car design reflects and refracts the image of those who would invest in it. It has a wonderful, bred-in-the-bone American feel, an America of soulful diversity.

The 300C SRT-8 fully exploits the 300C's obvious potential. About the only people who will not be happy to see this car in action are aftermarket parts suppliers who build bolt-on bits, here rendered superfluous. This thing comes from the factory hot enough to cook weenies on.

Like 300 letter cars of yore, the

star attraction here is the engine. It takes an active effort to ease the throttle so as to avoid spinning the tires, even with the traction control system on. Without it, on dry pavement, the SRT-8 is capable of some stupendous, acrid, I-hate-my-neighbor burnouts.

This car is huge and fast, and the sensation of this slab-sided four-door accelerating is something to behold. It is comparable only to throttling up an ocean racing boat. The sound — dark, warbling, racy, angry — will chase a rabbit right through your limbic system. Wow. And, dynamically, the car is just about perfect.

This is a world-class automobile that, incidentally, is a heck of a lot of fun to be seen in. More horsepower is not the cure for everything — gingivitis, for example — but it's often an excellent antidepressant. Take the 300C SRT-8 and call me in the morning. **DAN NEIL (LOS ANGELES TIMES)**

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AWARDS | Three scientists who helped this car-crazy world breathe a whole lot easier have been given the National Medal of Technology, the nation's highest technology award. Their creation — a ceramic honeycomb that oxidizes auto emissions — has kept an estimated 3 billion tons of toxic pollutants out of the atmosphere over the last 30 years.

"People don't realize how bad it was when millions of cars were spewing out deadly fumes," said winner Rodney Bagley. "Many of

the cities were almost unbreathable" in the 1960s.

The soda-can-sized device developed by Bagley, Irwin Lachman and Ronald Lewis at Corning in the early '70s made air pollution control practical. It turned lung-choking gases streaming through automotive exhaust systems into water vapor, nitrogen and carbon dioxide. First fitted in 1975-model cars, the honeycombs are now used in 95 percent of the world's autos with catalytic converters. **BEN DOBBIN (AP)**

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GREEN MONSTERS? After finally winning the World Series, the Red Sox are cleaning up their act. Boston's Johnny Damon, Kevin Millar, Dour Mirabelli, Tim Wakefield and Jason Varitek are getting makeovers as part of a future episode of "Queer Eye for the Straight Guy."

Ailing Wizards Try to Hold Down Fort

Jamison goes down as team enters key stretch

WASHINGTON | The Washington Wizards will have to limp across the finish line if they're to make the playoffs for the first time in eight years.

Usual iron-man Antawn Jamison is sidelined indefinitely with a sore knee and back, having lasted just eight minutes in Monday's game. Gilbert Arenas needs rest for his aching knee, but he doesn't know when he'll get it because of the cramped schedule. The bodies of Kwame Brown, Juan Dixon, Anthony Peeler and Jarvis Hayes are in various states of disrepair.

"It's hard to practice," center Brendan Haywood said. "Last week, we had to play 3-on-3. It's tough. I've never experienced anything like this, but hopefully we can get through it."

The Wizards are 34-27, high-

rent area for a team that hasn't made the playoffs since 1997 and hasn't won a playoff game since 1988. But they are about to start the stretch that coach Eddie Jordan has eyed warily all season: Seven of the next eight are on the road, crammed into 13 days, starting Wednesday night at Atlanta.

"We're trying to hold down the fort," Jordan said.

Despite the ailments, the Wizards built an early lead to beat the Los Angeles Lakers 95-81 Monday night, a final victory to harvest before the brutal stretch begins. The win was a blueprint for the way Jordan needs the rest of the season to go: Hughes and Arenas leading the way, but with reliable contributions from players such as Haywood, Jared Jeffries, Etan Thomas and Brown. JOSEPH WHITE (AP)



SIDELINED: After his 386 consecutive game streak ended last week, Antawn Jamison returned to face the Celtics on Sunday. But he had to exit Monday's game

Gibbs Tries To Snag DE Brown

Redskins coach flies to meeting in hopes of adding pass rusher

REDSKINS | Joe Gibbs wasted no time before starting a pursuit of former No. 1 overall draft pick Courtney Brown.

Within hours of Brown's release by the Cleveland Browns, the Washington Redskins coach flew to Cleveland with defensive line coach Greg Blache and had dinner with Brown and Brown's wife



Monday night, an official within the league told The Associated Press on condition of anonymity.

The official said Brown was expected to visit Redskins Park later this week.

Brown, the first overall choice in the 2000 draft, was cut by Cleveland because he would not renegotiate his contract. But he quickly drew interest from other teams, including the Redskins. Washington is in need of a pass-rushing end, having relied heavily on linebackers and cornerbacks for many of their sacks last season.

Brown was also a teammate at Penn State with Redskins linebacker LaVar Arrington, the No. 2 overall pick in 2000. If Washington acquires Brown, the team will have the top three picks from that draft: Brown, Arrington and tackle Chris Samuels. JOSEPH WHITE (AP)

Ready or Not, Here Comes NIT

Disappointing Terps hope to lay foundation for a return to NAAs

COLLEGE HOOPS | It's been 15 years since he took a team into the National Invitational Tournament, yet Maryland coach Gary Williams still understands the concept of playing in the postseason without having a chance to win the national championship.

"There's two groups of teams in the NIT," he said. "One's very happy to be there, the other group's not really happy to be there."

Oral Roberts belongs in the former category. Maryland falls in the latter.

Upon learning Sunday night that their school-record run of 11 straight NCAA tournament appearances was over, the Terrapins collectively shrugged their shoulders and accepted a bid to the NIT. They



A loss to Clemson in the ACC tournament has Maryland left playing in the NIT.

open Wednesday night against Oral Roberts (25-7), a team delighted to be making its first postseason appearance in eight years.

Making it to the semifinal round in Madison Square Garden would be nice, but the Terrapins are more interested in earning their first win

in nearly a month and getting a running start toward next year.

"When the feeling of not going to NCAA wears off, this is a good time to look at some things against some outside competition," Williams said. "I think it can help you for next season." DAVID GINSBURG (AP)

Giambi Excused From Hearing

DOPING | Jason Giambi was excused from testifying at Thursday's congressional hearing into steroid use in baseball, but attempts by Rafael Palmeiro and Frank Thomas to avoid appearing were rejected.

Giambi does not have to come to Washington because of his involvement in the ongoing federal investigation into illegal steroid distribution, House Government Reform committee chairman Tom Davis and ranking Democrat Henry Waxman said. It remained unclear whether Mark McGwire, Sammy Sosa, Palmeiro and Thomas would comply with their subpoenas. (AP)

TODAY'S TV LINEUP

NBA (7:30 P.M. ON COMCAST) Despite all their injuries, the Wizards need to beat the lowly Atlanta Hawks to maintain their playoff position.

COLLEGE HOOPS (9 P.M. ON ESPNU) The Maryland Terrapins start their run in the NIT with a home game against Oral Roberts University.

NBA (9 P.M. ON ESPN) Tim Duncan and the

San Antonio Spurs host Kevin Garnett and the Minnesota Timberwolves.

BASEBALL (2 P.M. ON ESPN2) The San Francisco Giants play the Seattle Mariners in an exhibition game.

TENNIS (3 P.M. ON ESPN, 5 P.M. AND 10 P.M. ON ESPN2) Women's quarterfinals at the Pacific Life Open in Indian Wells, Calif.

GOING SOUTH: The Arizona Cardinals have agreed to forfeit a home game to play the San Francisco 49ers on Oct. 2 in Mexico City in what will be the first NFL regular season game played outside the U.S., the Arizona Republic and ESPN.com reported.



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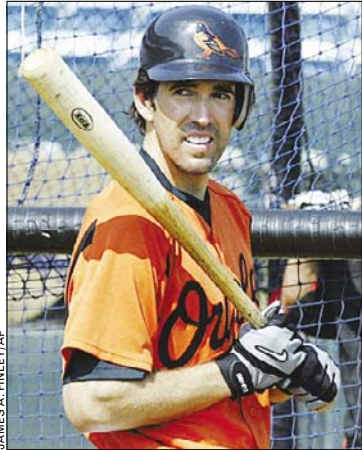
O's Gomez Learns the Hot Corner

ORIOLES | For years, anticipation has been a significant part of Chris Gomez's on-field preparation as a shortstop or second baseman.

This spring, in hopes of winning a role as a reserve infielder with the Baltimore Orioles, Gomez is focusing on reaction.

That's the difference between playing middle infield and learning how to handle third base, said Gomez, who got a double in his only at-bat in the Orioles' 5-4 loss to St. Louis on Tuesday.

"With short and second there are similar perspectives — tracking the ball into the hitting zone and being able to react to the ball before it's hit," Gomez explained. "At third, it's



Chris Gomez is hoping to make the Orioles as a backup infielder this year.

just reaction."

To earn a spot on the opening day roster, Gomez will have to prevail in one of the few competitions in spring training. Gomez is battling two other veterans — former New York Yankee Enrique Wilson and journeyman Chris Stynes — to be the club's backup infielder. (AP)



FLY AWAY: The Minnesota Vikings agreed to terms Tuesday on a two-year contract with free agent receiver Travis Taylor, who was a disappointment in his five seasons in Baltimore. He will likely be the team's third option at wide receiver. The signing means Minnesota will probably abandon trade talks to acquire the Redskins' Rod Gardner. (AP)

Hernandez Comes Up Aces

Nationals pitcher is perfect through four innings in 4-3 victory

NATIONALS | Livan Hernandez is almost ready for the regular season.

Hernandez pitched six innings Tuesday, allowing one run and three hits, and Cristian Guzman hit a two-run homer to lead the Washington Nationals past the Cleveland Indians 4-3 in a split-squad game.

Hernandez, who led the NL in innings pitched and complete games the past two seasons, was perfect until Juan Gonzalez led off the fifth with a double. But Hernandez retired the next three batters.

The Indians got to Hernandez in the sixth with consecutive doubles by Coco Crisp and Ronnie Belliard.

"That was vintage Livan Hernandez," Nationals manager Frank Robinson said. "He keeps



Livan Hernandez gave a "vintage appearance," manager Frank Robinson said.

getting better down here. He's sharp. That's the kind of game he can do."

Matt Cepicky hit a two-run double off Indians starter Jason Davis

in the first inning, and Davis' struggles continued in the second. Jamey Carroll led off with a double and Guzman homered with two outs, making the score 4-0. (AP)



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Sports

Crew Chiefs Suspended For Cheating in Vegas

AUTO RACING | NASCAR on Tuesday suspended the crew chiefs for Jimmie Johnson, Kyle Busch and Kevin Harvick in a swift crackdown on cheating committed at Las Vegas Motor Speedway.

Todd Berrier was suspended for four weeks and fined \$25,000 for rigging Harvick's fuel tank to appear full when it actually wasn't during qualifying.

Chad Knaus was suspended

for two weeks and fined \$35,000 when Johnson's race-winning car failed to meet the minimum height requirement in Sunday's post-race inspection.

Alan Gustafson was suspended two weeks and fined \$25,000 because Busch's runner-up car was too high in the post-race inspection.

The drivers were also docked 25 points, costing Johnson the series points lead. (AP)

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LORD OF THE EVERYTHING: "Lord of the Rings" is a literary trilogy, a film series, various merchandise and a way of life for many, but it has never been a musical ... until now. Toronto will host the world premiere of a singing, dancing "LOTR" next year.



Entertainment

Today's Top Stops

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Moving Crews: Meisha Bosma

Meisha Bosma founded the performance series *Fermata*, dedicated to showcasing the works of emerging Israeli artists, and has danced with Jerusalem's *Kombina Dance Company*. The Virginia-based dancer performs solo tonight.

Kennedy Center, Millennium Stage, 2700 F St. NW; 6 p.m., free; 202-467-4600. (Foggy Bottom-GWU)



COURTESY JOY OF MOTION

Internationally recognized choreographer Bosma is a local dance jewel.

Mysterious Blue Marble: CSI: Earth

The PBS detective series about the fate of the planet, "Strange Days on Planet Earth," will air in April; in the meantime, National Geographic screens one segment of the series. In "Troubled Waters," scientists regard frogs and fish.

National Geographic, Gilbert H. Grosvenor Auditorium, 1600 M Street NW; 7:30 p.m., \$16, members \$13; 202-857-7700. (Farragut North)

Nova Bossa Nova: Eliane Elias

Eliane Elias plays piano and sings her breezy, off-kilter Brazilian-jazz tunes.

Wolf Trap, the Barns, 1635 Trap Road, Vienna; 8 p.m., \$20; 703-218-6500.

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R&B's Big O

B2K's Omarion makes the transition to musical maturity

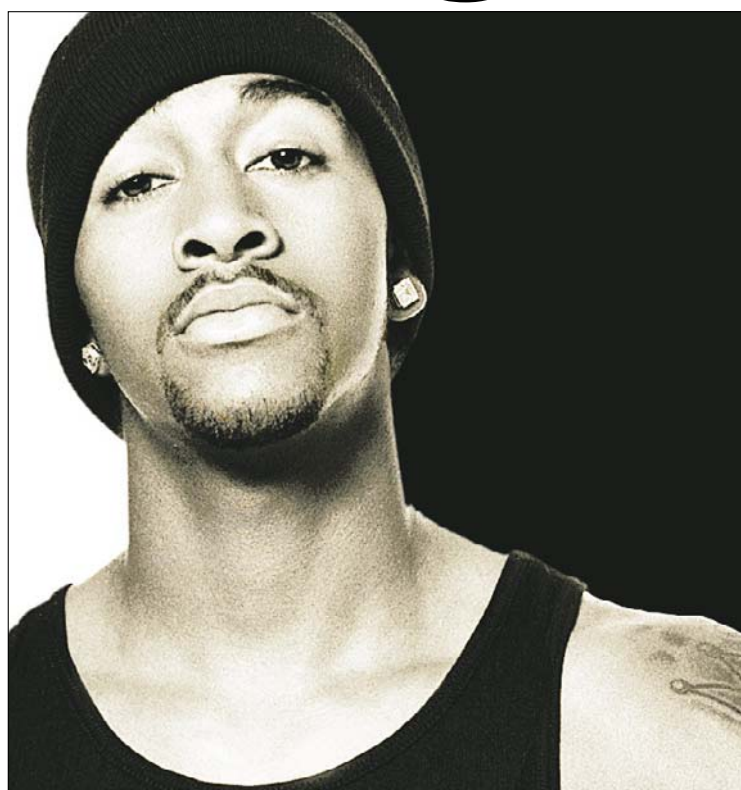
OPPORTUNITES | Omarion is the latest in a long line of artists making the hump from teen dream to adult singer-songwriter. And there is no denying that the B2K phenomenon has given the 20-year-old singer's solo flight, "O," a pivotal boost.

The Los Angeles urban boy band burst into public consciousness in 2001 with the top 20 R&B hit "Uh Huh." B2K notched two more top 20 R&B hits — "Gots Ta Be" and "Why I Love You" — before hitting the R&B and pop big time with the 2002 single "Bump, Bump, Bump" with P. Diddy.

Then, on the heels of B2K's soundtrack release, "You Got Served," before the same-titled film's premiere in January 2003, the group imploded.

Omarion elected to stay on with the group's manager, Chris Stokes of the Ultimate Group. Remaining members Lil Fizz, J-Boog and Raz-B are pursuing solo endeavors.

"We're all focusing on our own projects," said the 20-year-old Omarion (his last name is



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"When I was in B2K, we were just talking about love, being in love. But now I'm talking about being intimate, understanding what love really is about."

SINGER OMARION DISCUSSING HIS FORMER BAND AND HIS FUTURE SOLO MUSICAL ENDEAVORS

Grandberry) of his former group-mates. He addresses the breakup on one of his strongest album tracks, "Growing Pains," and in his memoir, "O." "More than anything, we had a friendship."

Will B2K ever reunite?

"We have to build up our friendship first before anything else happens," Omarion said.

"When I was in B2K, we were just talking about love, being in love. But now I'm talking about being intimate, understanding what love really is about."

For his T.U.G./Epic/Sony Urban Music debut, Omarion teamed with the Underdogs, the Neptunes, AllStar, Rodney Jerkins and Sean Garrett, among others. Guests include OutKast's Big Boi on the boisterous "Never Gonna Let You Go (She's a Keepa)." Overall, the album mixes retro and contemporary sounds, balancing ballads with uptempo numbers that recall B2K's R&B/hip-hop/pop/dance vibe.

The artist is also pursuing his acting sideline. With "You Got Served" and the recent "Fat Albert" among his credits, Omarion has signed a two-picture deal with Paramount/MTV Films and will begin shooting a new feature this spring.

Though he has been there before, Omarion says the most difficult hurdle in the recording process is the actual release. "The hardest part is now, the final moment," he said. "I'm just ready to see how everything turns out." GAIL MITCHELL (BILLBOARD)

That's Incredible

The Oscar-winning animated superlick makes a terrific DVD

DVDS | "The Incredibles" lives up to its title — and hype — on a two-disc DVD released Tuesday. The adventures of Bob, Helen, Dash, Violet and Jack-Jack Parr look just as vibrant and exciting on television as they did in theaters.

In addition to getting a crystal-clear, THX-optimized version of the Academy Award-winning movie, fans are treated to making-of doc-

umentaries, 35 minutes of deleted scenes, two commentary tracks, Easter egg hidden features, computer-animation bloopers, a droll video essay from "This American Life" commentator Sarah Vowell (the voice of Violet) and more.

Most Clever Bonuses: Gen Xer parents will love the "Superfriends" satire of '70s-era cartoons, "Mr. Incredible & Pals," which stars a younger Mr. Incredible, Frozone and a totally unnecessary bunny named Mr. Skipperdoo. "OK," Mr. Incredible concedes in the commentary track, "the rabbit bites."



TO THE RESCUE: The Incredibles are just as enchanting on the small screen.

Bonus the Kids Will Want to Watch Immediately: In the film, viewers hear about incompetent babysitter Kari and her disastrous attempt to watch young Jack-Jack. The five-minute cartoon "Jack-Jack Attack" reveals what happened during those pivotal 24 hours.

Most Enriching Bonuses: Writer-director Brad Bird spends a few minutes explaining why each of the deleted scenes was deemed extraneous. His insights provide a window into the often-painful editing process. JEN CHANEY (WASHINGTONPOST.COM)

Entertainment



GO EAST: Jimi Mistry and Kristin Kreuk are in; Neve Campbell is in "final negotiations." And that will round out the cast of the upcoming epic of Indian history, "Partition." The film about India's roiling years of forced religious segregation will be directed by Vic Sarin.

Brave New Yorkers

Things are looking up for buzz-worthy Bravery

NEXT BIG THINGS | With New York bands like the Strokes, Scissor Sisters, Interpol and Yeah Yeah Yeahs reaching global audiences, the Big Apple is, once again, proving to be a hotbed of musical creativity and excitement.

The latest act to emerge from this rejuvenated music scene is the Bravery, an '80s-influenced five-piece from New York's Lower East Side.

The band's self-titled debut

arrives March 29 via Island, the same label that is enjoying much success these days with another retro-minded group, the Killers.

Here and across the pond, the Bravery is being lauded as the first big thing of 2005. Indicators include the band topping BBC News' Sound of 2005 talent poll.

Already, the album's lead single, the New Order-flavored "An Honest Mistake," has been embraced by many modern rock stations.

The Bravery's Sam Endicott, John Conway, Michael Zakarin, Mike H. and Anthony Burulcich appreciate such a reception.

"Popular music is opening up a bit in the U.S.," Endicott said. "Radio and music fans are embracing different sounds."

Prior to signing with a label, the Bravery did it the old-fashioned way, Endicott noted. "We played lots of live shows in New York, gave out CDs of our tracks and put our tracks online. We wanted our music to be heard." MICHAEL PAOLETTA (BILLBOARD)



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HITCH (PG13) 1:45, 4:45, 7:45, 10:40
POOH'S HEFFALUMP MOVIE (G) 12:10, 2:50
MILLION DOLLAR BABY (PG13) 1:20, 4:25, 7:25, 10:30
MILLION DOLLAR BABY (PG13) [CC] 1:20, 4:25, 7:25, 10:30
ARE WE THERE YET? (PG) 2:10
HOTEL RWANDA (PG13) 7:55, 10:45
SIDEWAYS (R) 1:05, 4:00, 7:05, 9:55

MAZZA GALLERIE
Jennifer and Wisconsin
202-537-9553

HOSTAGE (R) 2:15, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00
THE PASSION RECUIT (NR-NOT RATED) 2:10, 10:05
DIARY OF A MAD BLACK WOMAN (PG13) 2:45, 5:30, 8:30
MAN OF THE HOUSE (PG13) 6:30, 9:00
CONSTANTINE (R) 2:30, 5:15, 7:50
POOH'S HEFFALUMP MOVIE (G) 2:35, 4:30
ARE WE THERE YET? (PG) 3:00, 5:25, 7:45, 9:50
SIDEWAYS (R) 2:00, 4:50, 7:35

COURTHOUSE PLAZA 8
Courthouse and Birch Rd.
703-998-4AMC

HOSTAGE (R) ✓ 4:15, 7:10, 9:35
THE PASSION RECUIT (NR-NOT RATED) 4:40, 7:20, 9:55
ROBOTS (PG) ✓ 4:00, 5:15, 7:00, 8:00, 9:30, 10:05
THE PACIFIER (PG) 5:00, 7:40, 9:45
DIARY OF A MAD BLACK WOMAN (PG13) 4:50, 7:30, 10:00
MILLION DOLLAR BABY (PG13) 4:05, 7:05, 9:50
SIDEWAYS (R) 4:30, 7:00, 9:40

COUNTRY CLUB MALL 6
Country Club Mall on Voecke Rd near Route 68.
703-998-4AMC

THE PASSION RECUIT (NR-NOT RATED) ✓ 5:10, 7:55
ROBOTS (PG) ✓ 5:40, 8:15
BE COOL (PG13) 5:25, 8:05
THE PACIFIER (PG) 5:40, 8:15
MAN OF THE HOUSE (PG13) 5:25
CONSTANTINE (R) 8:05
HITCH (PG13) 5:10, 7:55
THE AVIATOR (PG13) [CC] 5:10, 7:55

UNION STATION 9
Located at Union Station
703-998-4AMC

HOSTAGE (R) ✓ 2:30, 5:30, 8:30
ROBOTS (PG) ✓ 2:00, 5:00, 7:30
BE COOL (PG13) 2:15, 5:15, 8:15
THE JACKET (R) 5:15
THE PACIFIER (PG) 1:45, 4:45, 7:30
CURSED (PG13) 2:15, 8:15
DIARY OF A MAD BLACK WOMAN (PG13) 1:50, 2:30, 4:30, 5:30, 7:45, 8:30
CONSTANTINE (R) 1:45, 4:45, 8:00
HITCH (PG13) 1:50, 4:30, 7:45
HITCH (PG13) [CC] 1:50, 4:30, 7:45

ACADEMY 8
Beltway Plaza on Greenbelt Rd., Center Court
703-998-4AMC

HOSTAGE (R) ✓ 5:10, 7:50, 10:30
ROBOTS (PG) ✓ 5:20, 7:40, 9:50
BE COOL (PG13) 4:40, 7:20, 10:00
THE PACIFIER (PG) 5:30, 8:00, 10:20
CURSED (PG13) 8:00, 10:00
DIARY OF A MAD BLACK WOMAN (PG13) 5:00, 7:30, 10:20
MAN OF THE HOUSE (PG13) 5:30
CONSTANTINE (R) 4:30, 7:20, 10:10
HITCH (PG13) 4:50, 7:30, 10:10

RIVERTOWNE 12
Exit 4A I-95, 1/2 mi. on Oxon Hill Rd.
703-998-4AMC

HOSTAGE (R) 5:30, 8:00
THE PASSION RECUIT (NR-NOT RATED) 5:30, 8:10
ROBOTS (PG) 5:20, 6:00, 7:40, 8:20
BE COOL (PG13) 5:20, 8:00
THE JACKET (R) 5:10
THE PACIFIER (PG) 5:10, 7:40
CURSED (PG13) 8:10
DIARY OF A MAD BLACK WOMAN (PG13) 5:00, 5:40, 7:50
MAN OF THE HOUSE (PG13) 5:50
CONSTANTINE (R) 7:30
HITCH (PG13) 5:40, 8:20
ARE WE THERE YET? (PG) 5:50
HOTEL RWANDA (PG13) 8:30

SPRINGFIELD MALL 10
Loisdale and Franconia Road
703-971-3991

HOSTAGE (R) ✓ 5:10, 8:30
THE PASSION RECUIT (NR-NOT RATED) 1:30, 4:30, 8:00
ROBOTS (PG) ✓ 2:00, 4:15, 6:30, 8:45
BE COOL (PG13) ✓ 1:45, 4:45, 8:30
THE JACKET (R) 5:20
THE PACIFIER (PG) 2:15, 5:00, 8:15
CURSED (PG13) 8:45
DIARY OF A MAD BLACK WOMAN (PG13) 4:40, 7:45
MAN OF THE HOUSE (PG13) 4:50
CONSTANTINE (R) 8:00
CONSTANTINE (R) [CC] 8:00
HITCH (PG13) 5:00, 8:15
MILLION DOLLAR BABY (PG13) 4:30, 7:30

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DIARY OF A MAD BLACK WOMAN (PG-13) (ON 3 SCREENS)
(11:00 12:00 1:00 2:00 3:00 4:00 5:00) 6:30 7:00 8:00 9:30
★ ROBOTS (PG) (ON 2 SCREENS) (11:10 12:10 1:40 2:40 4:10 5:10) 6:40 7:40 9:10 10:10
★ HOSTAGE (R) (1:20 4:20) 7:20 10:20
★ THE PASSION RE-CUT (NR) (12:40 3:40) 6:45 9:45
★ BE COOL (PG-13) (1:10 2:20 5:20) 8:20 10:50
★ THE PACIFIER (PG) (1:10 1:50 4:25) 6:50 9:25
★ THE JACKET (R) 10:40
CURSED (PG-13) 10:00
MAN OF THE HOUSE (PG-13) 9:40
CONSTANTINE (R) (1:10 4:15) 7:15 10:15
HITCH (PG-13) (12:20 3:20) 6:20 9:20
ARE WE THERE YET? (PG) (11:40 2:10 4:40) 7:10

Cineplex Odeon WISCONSIN AVE. CINEMAS
4000 Wisconsin Avenue N.W. 202-244-0882

BE COOL (PG-13) (1:50 4:20) 7:00 9:40
THE PACIFIER (PG) (12:50 3:00 5:15) 7:30 9:40
HITCH (PG-13) (1:10 4:00) 6:40 9:20
MILLION DOLLAR BABY (PG-13) (12:40 3:30) 6:20 9:10
HOTEL RWANDA (PG-13) (1:00 3:40) 6:30 9:30
THE AVIATOR (PG-13) (12:30 4:30) 8:00

Loews WHITE FLINT 5
North Bethesda 310-423-1014

★ ROBOTS (PG) (12:30 2:50 5:10) 7:30 9:50
THE PACIFIER (PG) (12:50 3:15 5:35) 7:45 10:00
HITCH (PG-13) (1:15 4:05) 7:00 9:35
MILLION DOLLAR BABY (PG-13) (12:40 3:30) 6:35 9:20
THE AVIATOR (PG-13) (1:30 5:00) 8:45

Cineplex Odeon SHIRLINGTON 7
2772 South Randolph 703-671-9978

★ SCHULTZE GETS THE BLUES (PG) (12:30 2:50 5:20) 7:40 10:00
GUNNER PALACE (PG-13) (1:40 3:50 5:50) 7:50 10:10
BRIDE & PREJUDICE (PG-13) (12:40 3:30) 6:20 9:00
HOTEL RWANDA (PG-13) (1:20 4:20) 7:00 9:40
WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE'S THE MERCHANT OF VENICE (R) (12:50 3:40) 6:40 9:20
THE AVIATOR (PG-13) (1:00 4:30) 8:00
SIDEWAYS (R) (1:30 4:10) 7:20 9:50

Loews WHEATON PLAZA 11
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Viers Mill Rd. Btwn. Georgia & University 901-949-9202

DIARY OF A MAD BLACK WOMAN (PG-13) (2:10 5:00) 7:35 10:10
★ ROBOTS (PG) (ON 2 SCREENS) (12:30 1:30 2:30 3:50 4:50) 6:10 7:20 8:50 9:30
★ HOSTAGE (R) (12:10 3:00 5:30) 8:00 10:30
★ THE PASSION RE-CUT (NR) (1:50 4:30) 7:10 9:50
BE COOL (PG-13) (1:10 4:00) 7:30 10:00
THE PACIFIER (PG) (2:00 4:20) 6:50 9:00
THE JACKET (R) 6:20 9:10
CONSTANTINE (R) (2:20 5:10) 7:40 10:20
BECAUSE OF WINN-DIXIE (PG) (1:00 3:30)
HITCH (PG-13) (1:40 4:10) 7:00 9:40
MILLION DOLLAR BABY (PG-13) (12:40 3:40) 6:30 9:20

Cineplex Odeon TYSONS FARIFAX SQUARE
8065 Leesburgh Pike 703-506-9857

★ ROBOTS (PG) (12:30 2:45 4:45) 7:00 9:10
★ HOSTAGE (R) (12:15 2:30 5:00) 7:45 10:10
BE COOL (PG-13) (1:00 3:45) 6:45 9:30
THE PACIFIER (PG) (12:45 3:00 5:15) 7:15 9:20
CONSTANTINE (R) 10:00 P.M.
HITCH (PG-13) (1:30 4:00) 6:50 9:40
MILLION DOLLAR BABY (PG-13) (1:15 4:15) 7:05 9:50
THE AVIATOR (PG-13) (12:00 3:15) 6:30
SIDEWAYS (R) (1:45 4:30) 7:30 10:00

Cineplex Odeon DUPONT CIRCLE 5
1350 19th Street 202-972-9966

★ OFF THE MAP (NR) (1:40 4:20) 6:50 9:50
SCHULTZE GETS THE BLUES (PG) (12:15 2:45 5:15) 7:50 10:20
BRIDE & PREJUDICE (PG-13) (2:00 4:40) 7:20 10:00
BAD EDUCATION (NC-17) (1:30 4:10) 7:00 9:45
HOTEL RWANDA (PG-13) (1:00 3:50) 6:40 9:30

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DOWNFALL (R) (12:20 3:30) 6:40 9:50
ROBOTS (PG) (1:40 12:50 1:50 3:00 4:00 5:10) 6:10 7:20 8:20 9:30 10:30
HOSTAGE (R) (12:00 2:30 5:00) 7:30 10:00
BE COOL (PG-13) (12:10 1:40 2:50 4:20 5:30) 7:00 8:10 9:40 10:50
THE PACIFIER (PG) (11:00 1:30 3:50) 6:30
THE JACKET (R) (11:50 5:20) 10:10
DIARY OF A MAD BLACK WOMAN (PG-13) (12:40 3:10 5:50) 8:30 11:00
CONSTANTINE (R) (1:20 4:10) 7:10 10:40
HITCH (PG-13) (11:30 2:10 4:50) 7:40 10:20
MILLION DOLLAR BABY (PG-13) (12:30 3:20) 6:20 9:20
BEING JULIA (R) (11:10)
THE AVIATOR (PG-13) (1:00 4:30) 8:00
FINDING NEVERLAND (PG) (2:40) 7:50
SIDEWAYS (R) (11:20 2:20) 6:00 8:50

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HOTEL RWANDA (PG-13) DIG (110 400) 650 935
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HOSTAGE (R) - ID REQ'D (125 425) 735 1040
ROBOTS (PG) ★ (1230 130 300 400 530) 700 800 930 1030
BE COOL (PG-13) (1235 345 445) 650 950 1020
THE JACKET (R) - ID REQ'D (115) 740
THE PACIFIER (PG) (105 330) 640 920
DIARY OF A MAD BLACK WOMAN (PG-13) (120 430) 710 1050
CONSTANTINE (R) - ID REQ'D (1245 340) 705 1015
HITCH (PG-13) (1255 355) 645 945
MILLION DOLLAR BABY (PG-13) (1250 420) 730 1045
HOTEL RWANDA (PG-13) (110 415) 725 1025
SIDEWAYS (R) - ID REQ'D (1240 410) 710 1000

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ROBOTS (PG) ★ (145 440) 715 935
HOSTAGE (R) - ID REQ'D (120 415) 730 1005
BE COOL (PG-13) (110 140 400 435) 655 725 945 1015
THE PACIFIER (PG) (130 445) 740 955
MILLION DOLLAR BABY (PG-13) (105 405) 705 1010
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BECAUSE OF WINN-DIXIE (PG) (115 350) 745 1020
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HOSTAGE (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (Stadium) (1150 1250 230 400 510) 700 755 1000 1030
BE COOL (PG-13) DIG (Stadium) (1220 120 310 430) 625 740 905 1025
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THE PACIFIER (PG) DIG (Stadium) (1140 1240 205 300 440 520) 710 750 930 1010 940
CURSED (PG-13) DIG (Stadium)
DIARY OF A MAD BLACK WOMAN (PG-13) DIG (Stadium) (1130 1230 210 315 450) 630 730 920 1015
BECAUSE OF WINN-DIXIE (PG) DIG (Stadium) (1155 235 515)
HITCH (PG-13) DIG (Stadium) (1210 330) 615 745 900 1030
MILLION DOLLAR BABY (PG-13) DIG (Stadium) (1200 320) 640 950
FINDING NEVERLAND (PG) DIG (Stadium) (1145 215 445) 725 955

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HOSTAGE (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1215 1255 335 405) 650 730 950 1035
ROBOTS (PG) DIG (1205 235 500) 725
ROBOTS (PG) DIG ★ (1235 105 305 340 530) 600 755 820 1025 1045
BE COOL (PG-13) DIG (1200 125 400 425) 700 740 1000 1040
THE PACIFIER (PG) DIG (1220 250 520) 750 1020
DIARY OF A MAD BLACK WOMAN (PG-13) DIG (1245 115 345 415) 645 715 745 945 1015 1045
MAN OF THE HOUSE (PG-13) DIG 950
CONSTANTINE (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1240 350) 700 955
HITCH (PG-13) DIG (1230 335) 650 950
MILLION DOLLAR BABY (PG-13) DIG (1215 330) 655 1010
ARE WE THERE YET? (PG) DIG (1210 240 505)

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ROBOTS (PG) ★ (1150 1220 100 140 220 300 340 420 500 540) 610 700 740 840 950
HOSTAGE (R) - ID REQ'D (120 450) 750 1030
BRIDE & PREJUDICE (PG-13) (110 410) 710 1010
BE COOL (PG-13) (1140 130 230 430 530) 730 830 930 1030
THE JACKET (R) - ID REQ'D (1135 250) 615 910
THE PACIFIER (PG) (1130 1200 1240 200 240 320 440 520) 620 720 820 900 945 915
CURSED (PG-13)
DIARY OF A MAD BLACK WOMAN (PG-13) (150 500) 800 1040
MAN OF THE HOUSE (PG-13) 810 1035
BECAUSE OF WINN-DIXIE (PG) (1210 345) 645
CONSTANTINE (R) - ID REQ'D (1250 350) 650 940
HITCH (PG-13) (1130 210 515) 715 815 1020
POOH'S HEFFALUMP MOVIE (G) (1245 245 510)
MILLION DOLLAR BABY (PG-13) (1145 310) 640 1000
THE AVIATOR (PG-13) (1215 415) 850
SIDEWAYS (R) - ID REQ'D (1230 330) 630 920

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WORK AND THE GLORY (PG) (130 430) 710 945
BE COOL (PG-13) (1250 115 145 345 415 445) 645 715 745 900 1030
MILLION DOLLAR BABY (PG-13) (100 400) 700 730 1005 1035
THE AVIATOR (PG-13) (1245 420) 800
BECAUSE OF WINN-DIXIE (PG) (220 450) 705 935
CONSTANTINE (R) - ID REQ'D (215 505) 705 1040
SON OF THE MASK (PG) (245 515)
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THE WEDDING DATE (PG-13) 740 1015

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HOSTAGE (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (Stadium) (140 445) 710 1040
THE PACIFIER (PG) DIG (Stadium) (1230 145 300 415 530) 650 750 930 1030
BE COOL (PG-13) DIG (Stadium) (100 150 400 450) 700 750 1000
THE JACKET (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (Stadium) 740 1015
CURSED (PG-13) DIG (Stadium) 940
DIARY OF A MAD BLACK WOMAN (PG-13) DIG (Stadium) (115 420) 715 1010
MAN OF THE HOUSE (PG-13) DIG (Stadium) (130 410) 645 930
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HOSTAGE (R) - ID REQ'D (130 430) 730 1010
ROBOTS (PG) ★ (1230 115 200 315 400 500) 615 700 745 915 1015
BE COOL (PG-13) (1245 345) 700 930 1000
THE JACKET (R) - ID REQ'D (115 215 400 500) 715 800 950
THE PACIFIER (PG) (1125 320) 720 1020
DIARY OF A MAD BLACK WOMAN (PG-13) (100 415) 715 1000
BECAUSE OF WINN-DIXIE (PG) (330) 645 940
CONSTANTINE (R) - ID REQ'D (145 445) 730 1015
HITCH (PG-13) (130 445) 815
MILLION DOLLAR BABY (PG-13) (1230 330) 630 940
SIDEWAYS (R) - ID REQ'D (200) 600
THE AVIATOR (PG-13)

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HOSTAGE (R) - ID REQ'D (1255 355) 710 1010
ROBOTS (PG) ★ (1110 1140 1210 145 215 245 415 450 510) 650 720 740 910 945
BE COOL (PG-13) (1215 1240 310 345) 630 715 820 1005
THE JACKET (R) - ID REQ'D (1120 1150 155 225 430 500) 700 730 930 1000
CURSED (PG-13) (405) 955
DIARY OF A MAD BLACK WOMAN (PG-13) (1245 345) 645 935
MAN OF THE HOUSE (PG-13) (100) 705
BECAUSE OF WINN-DIXIE (PG) (1200 250) 610
CONSTANTINE (R) - ID REQ'D (1245 340) 640 940
HITCH (PG-13) (1230 330) 625 915
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Technology

PlayStation Portable goes on sale with yet another new format

When the PlayStation Portable arrives in North America this month, consumers will be able to play video games, watch movies, listen to music and view photos on the black, book-sized device.

But don't call it an iPod killer or a competitor with Nintendo's DS gaming handheld, insisted Kaz Hirai, Sony Computer Entertainment America's chief executive. "We're trying to create a new market," Hirai said. "I don't see any of those products being a direct competitor."

Sony officials hope the PSP will change what consumers expect from portable electronics. Once people have used a PSP, Sony believes, consumers will want to stick with a device that serves up games, audio and video on the go — even if the disc format is proprietary.

"I'm skeptical that as a movie device [the Playstation Portable] will be a success, simply because of the format."

PEER SCHNEIDER
SENIOR PUBLISHER,
THE IGN NETWORK



MINI MEDIA: You'll be able to enjoy movies on the new PSP — but you'll have to buy them in the Universal Media Disc format.

Disc Factor

Analysts consider the PSP a portable multimedia dynamo, delivering crisp color graphics on a 4.3-inch screen, stereo sound and wireless capabilities. Market research firm DFC Intelligence expects the PSP and Nintendo's dual-screen DS to drive the global portable games market from \$3.9 billion in 2003 to \$11.1 billion in 2007.

A library of about 24 games costing in the \$40 price range should

be available when the PSP launches March 24. The PSP also offers the chance for users to compete against each other or PS2 users wirelessly.

However, many industry observers say Sony's use of proprietary storage media — the 1.8-gigabyte Universal Media Disc for movies and games and the Memory Stick Duo for music and pictures — could hamper Sony's ambitions beyond games.

The first million sold will ship with a Sony movie, "Spider-Man 2," Hirai said, and Sony's in-house studio, Sony Pictures Home Entertainment, will release PSP versions of several action movies by mid-April, with prices likely in line with those of current DVDs. But only one other studio so far, Lions Gate Entertainment, has agreed to port its movies to the silver dollar-sized UMD format.

"I do believe the PSP as a gaming system will be a success," said Peer Schneider, senior publisher with the IGN Network. "I'm skeptical that as a movie device it will be a success, simply because of the format."

David Cole, president of DFC Intelligence, said UMD is a major issue because it forces consumers to buy two versions of the same movie, one on DVD and another for the PSP.

"The idea of being anytime, anyplace, anywhere is that you can take content from your living room and take it with you anywhere," he said. "You're doing something that works in game industry but has been a real challenge in music and movies. Those areas want standardization." **MATT SLAGLE (AP)**

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Chew on This

I'M TRYING TO FIGURE OUT why I get so incredibly angry when someone around me eats loudly. I'm a very laid-back person. Almost nothing irritates me. But when someone starts making smacking noises when they eat, I go through the roof. It takes every ounce of energy not to scream at complete strangers. I usually just end up leaving the area. What's going on?

— EATEN AWAY, D.C.

We all have pet peeves that gnaw on our last nerve. And sloppy, gross eating seems more legitimately annoying than, say, someone wearing purple. Since it's also considered a breach of etiquette, at least you know the manners mavens are right there with you.

A thousand things could have sensitized you to this. Maybe you're reminded of someone unpleasant or you were bred with strict manners. Or maybe, understandably, you just don't want to see someone's macaroni mid-chew. Take some deep breaths, picture something pleasant, sing a song in your head. As long as you manage to contain the

screaming, you're behaving more appropriately than the lip-smackers are.

I was molested by one of my brothers as a child and I think it's impacted my ability to be emotionally intimate in bed. My husband knows I was molested, but he doesn't know who did it. My relationship with this brother has been affected (I am disgusted by him), and no one knows why. I know I should find someone to talk to, but I feel they would tell me I need to confront my brother, which I absolutely don't want to do. I guess I just want to be able to forgive him and move on from all of this pain. Do you think that's possible?

— ACHING, D.C.

You've been through so much, and you absolutely can start feeling better. A good therapist wouldn't force you to confront your brother; you had control taken from you before, so the last thing you need now is someone calling the shots against your will. On the contrary, talking through these emotions and their effects with a professional will help you conquer them and put the power back in your hands, once and for all. A good first step toward finding someone is visiting www.apahelpcenter.org.

Send your mental health and emotional wellness questions to Andrea Bonior, Ph.D. at baggage@readexpress.com. This column is not a substitute for one-on-one care.

The Duplex | Glenn McCoy



Pearls Before Swine | Stephan Pastis



Letters

Gay-Vows Case May Backfire

WHILE I APPLAUD the California judge's decision to strike the state's ban on gay marriage (March 15), I feel it comes at a bad time, when crusading right-wing ideologues

rule the federal government. The "compassionate conservatives" will likely use this ruling as a rallying point to stir up more fear and hatred of loving couples to distract the public from failed wars in Afghanistan and Iraq and a failed attempt to dismantle Social Security.

—JIM GRUPE
Brookeville, Md.

Wiccans Deserve Tax Status

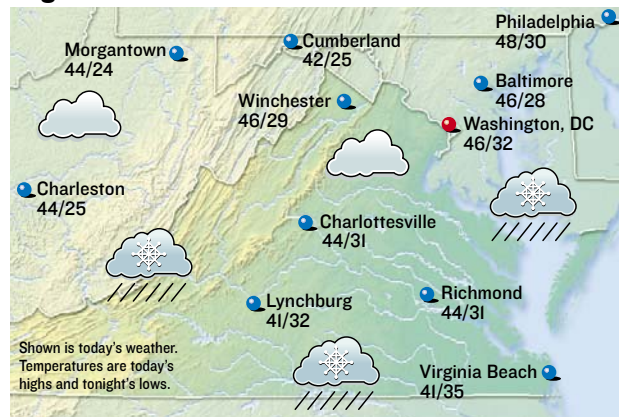
IN RESPONSE TO the March 15 article "No Forms for Cauldron Deductions": Wicca is an established religion. Denying our churches tax-exempt status (a benefit received by other faith-based organizations) is nothing short of prejudice.

—THE REV. MIA SYKES
Laurel, Md.

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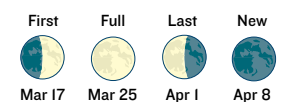
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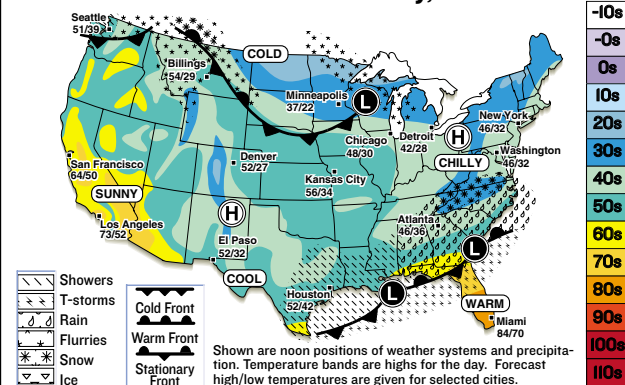
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Moonset today	12:25 a.m.



National Weather for Wednesday, March 16



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Boston	43/28/pc	43/28/s
Chicago	48/30/pc	48/32/c
Dallas	52/38/r	64/46/pc
Denver	52/27/s	52/20/pc
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New York City	46/32/s	46/32/s
Orlando	84/66/t	78/60/r
Seattle	51/39/sh	52/35/pc

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City	Today	Thur.
Amsterdam	53/52/c	54/52/c
Athens	62/50/pc	64/53/s
Berlin	55/46/c	55/43/r
Buenos Aires	84/66/s	84/66/t
Calgary	32/11/sf	19/4/sn
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Moscow	19/12/c	23/13/pc
Rome	65/44/s	66/43/s
Sydney	80/59/t	72/57/r
Tokyo	60/46/s	61/55/r

s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.

LOOK out

People

IRONY

From Chafing Dishes to A Chafing Ankle Bracelet

As if home confinement wasn't bad enough, **MARTHA STEWART** says the electronic monitoring device she wears around her ankle chafes, too.

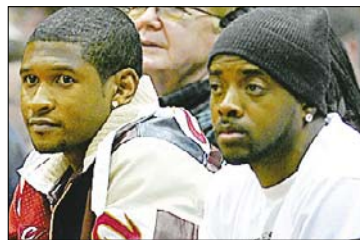


Stewart told fans in an online chat Monday night that the rigid plastic bracelet — which she can't remove for even a minute until her home detention is over in August — is uncomfortable and gets in the way of exercise. "I wish it were removable, but it is not," she wrote. She also recalled missing her pets during her five-month stint in a West Virginia prison, along with fresh lemons. (AP)

CHAIN REACTIONS

Usher Moves Hands; Media Totally Freaks Out

USHER is a hands-on NBA owner. The Grammy-winning R&B artist, who is part-owner of the Cleveland Cavaliers, has unveiled a symbol from his floor seats that he calls the "Double C." During the team's game Sunday, Usher crossed his arms over his head and curled his hands to form letter C's. Fans made the symbol as the Cavaliers downed the Indiana Pacers 98-86. "This is



Usher, left, contemplates his next hand motion while watching the Cavaliers.

my way of showing my Cleveland Cavaliers' pride," he said in an e-mail to The Plain Dealer. (AP)

EXONERATIONS

Don't Tamper With Rosario

A Manhattan judge dismissed charges of disorderly conduct and obstructing government administration against **ROSARIO DAWSON** and two others on Tuesday. Dawson, director Stephen Marshall and Viaja Grosгалves were arrested while filming movie scenes near the location of the Republican National

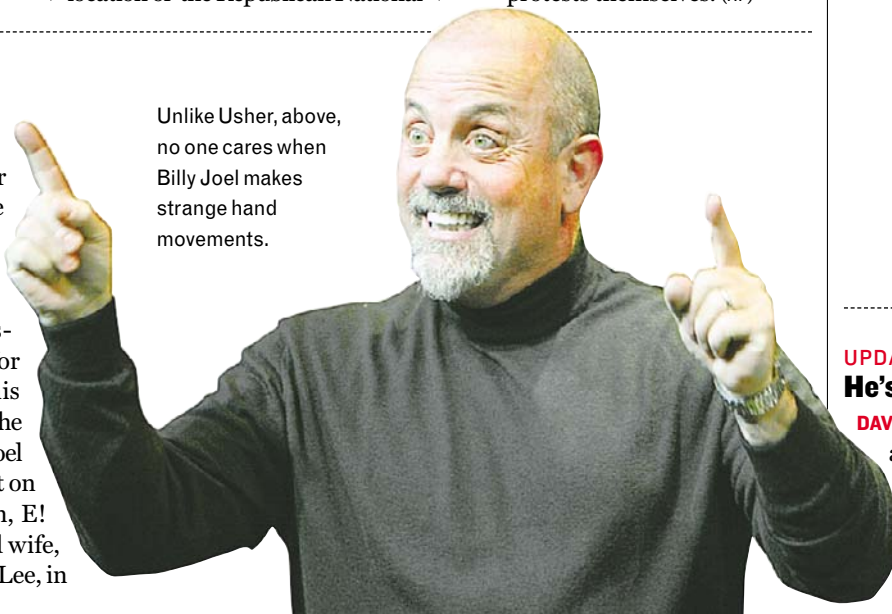


Convention. "I'm happy how this all went down," said Dawson. The assistant district attorney, in asking the judge to dismiss the charges, said the defendants were using the protests as a backdrop and weren't part of the protests themselves. (AP)

TIPS

Rehab Is a Good Way To Start a Marriage

BILLY JOEL has entered rehab for a drinking problem, E! Online reported. "Following a recent bout of severe gastro-intestinal distress, Billy Joel has checked himself into an undisclosed rehabilitation facility for treatment of alcohol abuse," his publicist said in a statement. The rep has in the past denied that Joel had pancreatitis, often brought on by heavy alcohol consumption, E! reported. He married his third wife, television correspondent Katie Lee, in October. (EXPRESS)



Unlike Usher, above, no one cares when Billy Joel makes strange hand movements.

KATHY WILLENS/AP



JULIE JACOBSON/AP

HONORS

Bono Elected God

Minutes after being inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame by **BRUCE SPRINGSTEEN** on Monday night, U2 headed to the media room to answer questions. But perhaps only a rock band fronted by **BONO** would first be asked about everything but music. "Bono! ... What about the Nobel Peace Prize?" one reporter called out, asking whether his mission to eradicate Third World debt would get him the honor. "Rock star is already having the cream of the cake," Bono replied graciously. (EXPRESS)

UPDATE

He's Still Pretty Weird

DAVID DUCHOVNY's big-screen debut as director and writer comes with the faintest whiff of Oedipal complex: His wife, Tea Leoni, plays his mother in the new film "House of D." "It never occurred to me,

because it's kind of a coincidence. Then when somebody mentioned that, I go, 'Well, that's funny.'" he said. "It was never intentional. You know, it's not like we ever share screen time where she's my mother. I think that would be weird if I actually treated her as my mother in the film." (AP)



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1945

On March 16, during World War II, Iwo Jima was declared secured by the Allies; in 1850, Nathaniel Hawthorne's "The Scarlet Letter" was first published; and in 1915, the Federal Trade Commission was organized.

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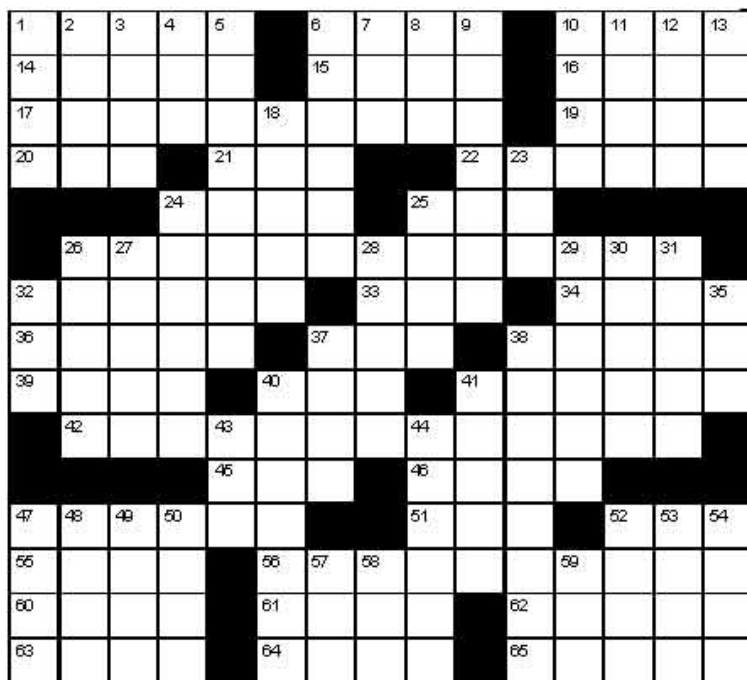
ACROSS

1 A step up
6 Certain data holder
10 Places to be pampered
14 Subject of a famous landing
15 Nobel Peace Prize winner Wiesel
16 Prefix for space
17 Bored with existence
19 Jan's partner
20 New Deal org.
21 It may be flipped
22 Within reach
24 Kind of sale or door
25 Corn container
26 It can't be switched on
32 Uses the blender, in a way
33 Word before Bouvier
34 Fruit basket selection
36 Fishy
37 Place to dream
38 ___ Boothe Luce
39 Time period
40 Yemana on "Barney Miller"
41 Snowman of song
42 Winded
45 Word with steer or rap
46 Classic TV's Fred
47 Not the main event, briefly
51 Common verb

52 It's bagged in the supermarket, often
55 Chinese staple
56 Needing repair
60 Masseur's target
61 The stuff of folk tales
62 Summoned for contempt
63 Hammer wielder
64 Baby blues
65 Nail board

DOWN

1 Keeps folks in stitches?
2 Pueblo in New Mexico
3 Taj Mahal site
4 Not in the pink
5 Discriminates, in a way
6 Conveyed ownership
7 Stevedore's grp.
8 "___ Duke" (Stevie Wonder tune)
9 Type of speaker
10 Actress Thompson
11 Jury member
12 Arafat, e.g.
13 Electronics brand
18 Sends a telegram
23 Flow back
24 Valley city in California
25 Signaled
26 Sounds made

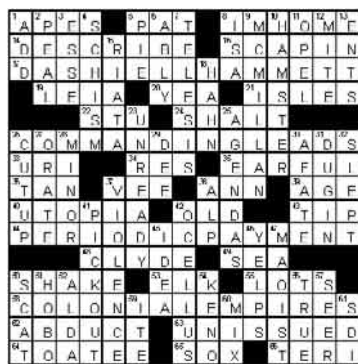


by things in the night?

27 Heep of fiction
28 Just ___ those things
29 Send to a mainframe, e.g.
30 Last but not ___
31 "Giles Goat-Boy" author
32 Joad and Kettle, e.g.
35 Marina del ___
37 Economic upswing
38 Belief

40 Trip
41 "___ Jacques"
43 Slugger's stat
44 Truck stops?
47 Word before fall
48 Highly caloric
49 Yodeler's feedback
50 Sidelong glance
52 Bag style
53 Water jug
54 Capp or Rooney
57 Clark or Rogers
58 Vein contents
59 Lacking brightness

Yesterday's Solution



Horoscope

By Stella Wilder

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) You may be trying to settle a score when you should try letting bygones be bygones. It's time to try forgiveness as a cure.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You should play catch-up but it may not involve work. A key relationship may be in need of some attention.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Potential is on the rise. Take the time to plan your next move with some real care. An error may prove costly.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) What you stumble upon may prove far more important than anything you may have planned on and you'll want to take action at once.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You'll find yourself more willing to do what you can for others despite your continued interest in a current key endeavor of your own.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) It's time to make room for something more in your life by letting go of some of that emotional baggage. A close friend can point the way.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Any setback you suffer can be easily overcome if you avoid the common pitfall of overreaction and view things from a solid perspective.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Now is no time to insist that others conform to your own expectations. Be willing to learn from the

differences you observe.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) You may score a first of some sort without really even knowing it. You can trust that all will be clear by day's end.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) You may enjoy a flashback of sorts toward midday, and a few unsolved mysteries will be, in a flash, solved.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) This is a good day to entertain notions you've usually dismissed without a thought. Try experimenting with this new way of thinking.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Casual conversation can yield a wealth of information that will come in handy before you know it. The hidden may be revealed during the evening.

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